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1. In early June the Public Security Bureau of Tientsin ordered all local security offices to establish one Security Defense (Chih An Pao Wei, 治安保卫) Committee in each police precinct. Each committee is to consist of a number of residents, to be selected by the police authorities, and eight policemen attached to the precinct. The duty of the committee is to maintain a close check on the activities of the residents of the precinct. By mid-June a number of such committees had been set up in the Hsilou (西楼) and Mach'ang (马厂) districts.
2. During June in each hsien under the control of the Party commissioner's office of Wenchou (120-38, 28-01) was established a village cadre training center. Trainees, who are to work in villages in the area, are being taught mostly Chinese Communist policy. The training period is for one month; the first class of 87 from the area started in Wenchou on 1 July.
3. According to statistics compiled by the Shanghai Military Control Commission there were 24,314 arrests of Kuomintang- and foreign-controlled secret agents, landlords and local thugs in Shanghai from 1 January to 15 June, of which 11,425 were made during the period 20 April to 30 May. Of those arrested 2,851 have been executed, 5,390 are awaiting execution, 2,213 have been sentenced to imprisonment, 345 have been released on bail, and the cases of the rest are pending.
4. No category of foreign nationals was included in the statistics; the files of the Commission contain no record of any Americans arrested in Shanghai during 1951.

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